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" (c) 13 wells under the Rural Water-Supply Scheme for the use of Harijans in the Vriddhachalam taluk were completed during 1953–54 and 6 works were in progress."

Sri V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" In view of the insufficient number of drinking water wells in Villupuram taluk, may I ask why this scheme has not been implemented even though several petitions have been presented to the Government several times? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" 68 wells under the Rural Water-Supply Scheme and 2 wells under the Harijan Welfare Scheme were completed. Others are either in progress or are proposed to be taken up and completed this year."

Sri K. PARTHASARATHI :—" What is the arrangement made for maintaining these wells which may be taken up by the Harijan Welfare Department or other departments? The present arrangement seems to be unsatisfactory in that when these wells go dry or the construction gives way, there is nobody to maintain them properly."

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" I think the local bodies are maintaining these wells."

Sri S. RAMALINGAM :—" Sir, question No. 616[a] may be taken up tomorrow."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" Yes, we may take it up tomorrow."

Jaggery producing co-operative societies.

* 617 *Q.*—Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) what action the Government have taken to encourage palm-jaggery industry in this State;

(b) how many training centres for this industry are in this State and how many in Malabar;

(c) how many applications have been received from Malabar to start jaggery producing co-operative societies;

(d) how many were not permitted; and

(e) the reasons therefor, if any?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (a) Since 1949, ex-toddy tapper members of Jaggery Manufacturing Co-operative Societies are trained in the improved methods of manufacturing palm-jaggery and palatable and nutritive palm-products like palmolates, groundnut balls, toffee, etc. Every encouragement is given to the marketing, including exports to foreign countries, of palm-jaggery through co-operatives. To strengthen the activities of the jaggery co-operatives, subsidy for the purchase of equipment and departmental staff for supervision are sanctioned in deserving

[a] Answered at the end of question hour.

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cases. Conferences of the representatives of the Jaggery Manufacturing Societies are held periodically in the districts to solve the various problems confronting the development of the industry.

" (*b*) No centres have been opened exclusively for training ex-tappers in the manufacture of palm-jaggery. Training is given to the members of select Jaggery Manufacturing Co-operative Societies in each district. In Malabar district, 166 ex-tappers were trained in 52 centres.

" (*c*) 21 applications were received during the calendar year 1953.

" (*d*) Nine of them were rejected.

" (*e*) The District Prohibition Officers concerned did not recommend them in the interest of Prohibition."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" For the encouragement of the jaggery industry, it is stated that the Government are granting subsidies to the co-operative societies concerned. May I know from the Hon. Minister the amount of subsidy given to the co-operative societies that produce jaggery in Malabar? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" It will vary from place to place. If a separate question is put, I shall answer it, Sir."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that the taking out of a licence for jaggery manufacture by these co-operative societies is only a camouflage for illicit toddy tapping? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" No, Sir, the Government take particular care to see that such of those societies which deserve are given licences. If in one or two places the licence is misused, we again warn the persons concerned and then withdraw the licence."

SRI K. R. NALLASIVAM :—" கருப்பட்டி உற்பத்தியாளர்கள் சங்கங்கள் மூலமாக உற்பத்தியாளர்கள் கருப்பட்டி உற்பத்தி செய்யமுடியாத காலங்களில் அவர்களுக்கு கடன் கொடுப்பதற்கு சராசரியாக எவ்வளவு தொகை ஒதுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது ? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Notice, Sir."

SRI C. H. KANARAN :—" In spite of the repeated requests made by the hon. Members coming from Malabar on the floor of the House that the ex-tappers should be liberally allowed to manufacture palm-jaggery, the Government were pleased to grant licences only in a few cases. May I know whether the Government will, at least in future, liberally grant these licences? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Out of the 21 applications received from various societies, 9 societies have been granted licence and of the rest, 7 have been referred to the Prohibition Officer and a few other cases were considered to be not worth being granted licence."

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Sri R. KRISHNAN :—" கருப்பட்டியின் விலை இந்த வருஷம் குறைவாக இருப்பதினால் tapper-களிடையே வேலையில்லாத் திண்டாட்டம் இருந்துவருகிறது. ஆகையால், கருப்பட்டியின் விலை சரியாமல் இருப்பதற்கு சர்க்கார் ஏதாவது நடவடிக்கை எடுக்க முன் வருவார்களா ? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" We will consider it, Sir."

Sri P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" On an application made to start a jaggery producing co-operative society a year back, the Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies informed the applicants that he had referred the matter to the District Prohibition Officer and that the latter had not sent any reply in the matter. Even to the representation which I myself made to the District Prohibition Officer, he has not yet replied. Will the Government see that the matter is expedited? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" If the hon. Member mentions to me any specific place where he wants a licence to be granted, I will examine the question, Sir."

Sri K. G. PALANISAMI GOUNDER :—" Lincence-களை சர்க்கார் எந்த அடிப்படையில் வழங்கிவருகிறார்கள் ? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" I have given an exhaustive answer which contains the answer to the hon. Member's supplementary."

Sri K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR :—" Have the Government any idea of starting palm-gur research in Malabar? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" No, Sir."

Sri T. S. ARDHANARI :—" கருப்பட்டி உற்பத்தியாளர்கள் கூட்டுறவு சங்கங்களில் கருப்பட்டி போடவேண்டுமென்று நிர்ப்பந்திக்கப்படுகிறார்கள். அவர்கள் கடன் பட்டிருப்பதால் கூட்டுறவு சங்கங்களில் போடமுடியாத நிலையில் இருக்கிறார்கள். அதனால், அவர்களுக்கு சர்க்காரே கடன் கொடுப்பதற்கு முன் வருவார்களா ? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Not, at present, Sir."

Sri S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" Is there any case within the knowledge of the Government wherein the permit granted by them has been misused? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" There are a few cases, Sir."

Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—" I can bring many instances regarding the non-grant of permits for the starting of jaggery co-operative societies in the Chirakkal taluk, in Malabar. May I request the Hon. Minister to instruct the Prohibition Department to grant such permits liberally to those who want to start such societies in Malabar? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, only 21 societies have applied. Out of them, 9 have been already

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given permission and the applications of 7 of them have been referred to the District Prohibition Officer. I do not know how we can grant these licences liberally. Further, I don't understand what the hon. Member means by the term ' grant such permits liberally '."

SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Are Government aware that in most of the cases, the Communists are trying their level best to misuse the licences granted? If the Government call for a report of the working of the societies in Malabar, it could be verified."

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" I take the information, Sir."

SRI M. JAGANNATHAN :—" Arising out of the reply given by the Hon. Minister that the Government are taking every step to provide marketing facilities for jaggery products, I would like to know whether these facilities are confined only to this State or whether they are extended outside the State also?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The question pertains to this State only, Sir."

SRI T. ANANTA PAI :—" Sir, there seems to be a certain amount of reluctance in granting permission to such societies in South Kanara and there sems to be a mistaken impression that in South Kanara district prohibition offences are mounting. But from the figures supplied by the Hon. Minister the other day, I find that South Kanara compares very favourably with other districts. In the light of this, may I request the Government that applications for permits from that district may be considered very favourably?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" In all deserving cases, applications from South Kanara will certainly be considered."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, last time when this question came up before the House and when an elaborate discussion also was allowed by the Hon. the Speaker, the Hon. Minister for Prohibition gave an assurance that if particular instances of partiality or discrimination were pointed out, they would be looked into. Consequent upon that assurance, a memorandum was given and the hon. Member who submitted that memorandum was given a reply by the Government that orders had been issued for the ex-tappers of Andoor and Kayaralam for forming societies more than a month ago. Is it a fact that even after this, the District Prohibition Officer refused to take action to implement the instructions given by the Government, and if so, what action are the Government going to take on that?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" I will enquire into the matter, Sir."

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SRI B. K. NALLASWAMI :—" Sir, inasmuch as palm sweet juice is not available throughout the year for manufacture of jaggery, will the Government consider allowing tapping of sweet juice from coconut trees by these societies where there have been no misuse at all for the past three or four years? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Government will follow rules already in force, Sir."

SRI K. V. RAMASWAMI :—" கொடுக்கப்படும் லைசென்ஸ்களை கம்யூனிஸ்டுகள் **misuse** செய்கிறார்கள் என்று ஸ்ரீமான் குட்டிகிருஷ்ணன் நாயர் அவர்கள் சொன்னார்கள். இழந்த மந்திரி பதவியை திரும்பவும் அடைவதற்காக அவர் செய்யும் முயற்சிகளில் இதுவும் ஒன்றா ? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" What has that to do with the main question? "

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" On a point of clarification, Sir. The hon. Member Sri K. P. Kuttikrishnan Nayar made a statement to make it appear that the Communists were misusing these permits and they were encouraging drink. In this connexion, I have to make it clear . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I am not going to allow a discussion. Rule 40 lays down that ' No discussion shall be permitted at question time in respect of a question or of any answer given to a question '."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, when an insinuation is made, is it not the right of the hon. Members to point that out to the Hon. Speaker and to say that it is an insinuation and that it is not a fact? The facts and figures supplied by Government themselves go to prove that in most of the areas where the Communists are more influential than any political party or individual, prohibition offences are far less."

MR. SPEAKER :—" That is all right. We cannot have a discussion on that."

SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Sir, arising out of the remarks made by hon. Members . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have already said that no discussion will be permitted."

SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Sir, it is a breach of privilege. As a member of the House, I am entitled, where the Communists misbehave, to bring the fact to the notice of the Government. I see no reason why the hon. Member should accuse me like that. If the Communist members were not given a chance to be in the Ministry or the Leader of the Opposition was not asked, it is not my fault. It is in the Chief Minister's discretion to call anybody to be in the Ministry."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It is the privilege of every hon. Member to put a question and a personal motive cannot be attributed to him for such a question. What

Mr. Ramaswami attempted to do was to impute a personal motive and that too a motive which cannot be attributed to an hon. Member. Therefore, I submit that the question and the answers may not go into the proceedings.''

Mr. SPEAKER :—'' I shall consider that.''

Sri C. H. KANARAN :—'' Sir, let Sri Kuttikrishnan Nayar explain where it happened and . . . .''

Mr. SPEAKER :—'' I am not going to allow any discussion. This is question-time.''

Sri M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—'' Point of order, Sir, சர்க்கார் கட்சித் தலைவர் ஸ்ரீ ராமசாமி கேட்ட கேள்வியை இந்த சபை **proceedings**-லிருந்து நீக்கிவிடவேண்டுமென்று கேட்டார்கள். ஸ்ரீராமசாமி கேட்ட கேள்வியில் தவறு எதுவும் இருப்பதாகத் தெரியவில்லை. அதை நீக்க வேண்டிய அவசியமும் என்னவென்று தெரியவில்லை. மறுபடியும் மந்திரி பதவியை அடைவதற்குச் செய்யும்முயற்சிகளில் ஒன்று என்று அவர் கேட்கக் கூடாது என்று என்ன இருக்கிறது ? ''

Mr. SPEAKER :—'' நான் படித்துப் பார்த்துவிட்டு பின்னர் என் முடிவைத் தெரிவிக்கிறேன்.'' '' I shall give consideration to that.''

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' To impute a motive is really bad.''

Mr. SPEAKER :—'' Next question.''

Expenditure incurred on the reception accorded to the State dignitaries.

* 618 *Q.*—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the expenditure incurred by the State Government on the reception and on the security measures adopted during the visits of Rt. Hon. Louis Saint Laurent, Prime Minister of Canada, His Excellency M. Reid, High Commissioner for Canada in India, and of Dr. Jerome S. Peterson of World Health Organization, Geneva, to Madras?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' An expenditure of Rs. 34 was incurred by the State Government on the reception accorded to the Rt. Hon. Louis S. St. Laurent, P.C., Q.C., Prime Minister of Canada. A similar expenditure of Rs. 62-6-0 was incurred in connection with the visit of His Excellency Mr. Escott M. Reid, Canadian High Commissioner, and Mrs. Reid. No expenditure was incurred during the visit of Dr. Jerome S. Peterson, Director, Division of Organization of Public Health Services, World Health Organization, Geneva.

'' No expenditure was incurred by the State Government on the security measures adopted during the visits of these three dignitaries to Madras.''